Training of Hindi Typing and Stenography to Typists and Stenographers

†5393. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such typists and stenographers under the Ministry of Finance and its subordinate offices who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography so far;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Typists/ Stenographers of this Ministry and subordinate offices are invariably being sent for Hindi training. The newly recruited non-Hindi knowing stenos/typists are being imparted training in batches.

(c) The Department of Official Language has fixed the target for completing Hindi Training as the end of 2000 in Region "'A" and "B" and 2003 for Region "C".

Kisan Credit Card to farmers belonging to SCs/STs and Minority Communities

5394. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of States in which Credit Card System has been introduced to facilitate the farmers and what are the details of credit card actually issued and used by the farmers, State-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to issue the credit card facilities to the farmers belonging to the SCs/STs and Minority Communities;

(c) how many credit cards have so far been issued to the farmers belonging to the SCs/STs and Minority Communities; and

(d) the details thereof, community-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has

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